

This matter comes before the South Carolina Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) by way of the Applications from Legent Communications Corp. d/b/a Long Distance America and Legent Communications Corp. d/b/a Long Distance America and CEO Telecommunications, Inc. (collectively “Legent”) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina and for alternative regulation; and for expedited authority

authorizing Legent Corp. d/b/a Long Distance America to acquire certain assets of CEO Telecommunications, Inc. Applicants requested that the hearings on Docket Numbers 2002-48-C and 2002-224-C pending before the Commission be consolidated and heard during one hearing.

The Commission finds that the Applications of Legent communications Corp. d/b/a Long Distance America for authority to provide facilities-based and resold interexchange and local exchange telecommunications in South Carolina and the Application of the Joint Applicants for expedited authority authorizing Legent Communications Corp. d/b/a Long Distance America to acquire certain assets of CEO Telecommunications, Inc. should be consolidated and heard on the same date. We find that the consolidation of these Applications will prevent the need for numerous hearings and will reduce expenses related to the proceeding for the Applicants and the Commission. Finally, we do not believe that any party will be prejudiced by the consolidation of these applications into one hearing.

Further, this matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for expedited authority authorizing Legent Communications Corp. d/b/a Long Distance America to acquire certain assets of CEO Telecommunications, Inc. and for the purpose of establishing pre-filing deadlines for testimony and exhibits in Docket No. 2002-224-C. Pursuant to 26 S.C. Regs.103-869(C)(Supp. 2001), the Commission hereby orders that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of the Applicant shall be pre-filed on or before **October 9, 2002**, and that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and/or any intervenors shall be pre-

filed on or before **October 23, 2002**. (Material may be post-marked on these dates.) Also, any rebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be pre-filed on or before **October 30, 2002**, and any surrebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be pre-filed on or before **November 1, 2002**. (Material must be in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on these dates.) It should be noted that acceptance into the record of surrebuttal testimony and exhibits is subject to the discretion of the Commission.

Further, the Applicant shall pre-file with its testimony and exhibits twenty-five copies of any script(s) employed by the Applicant or its telemarketers for the solicitation and sale of its long distance services in other jurisdictions, or an outline of the Applicant's telemarketing procedures and/or training materials for telemarketers. In addition, parties shall serve their pre-filed testimony and exhibits (and/or scripts or other materials) on all other parties of record as required by the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All parties are reminded that all witnesses must be present during any hearing in this matter at the call of the Chairman, or the Commission may decline to allow the witnesses' testimony to be read into the record of the proceeding, and/or may decline to allow the witnesses' exhibits to be entered into the evidence of the case.

Please take note that any party requesting modification of this schedule must file a request for such modification with the Commission.

Accordingly, we hereby approve the consolidation of the hearings in Docket Nos. 2002-48-C and 2002-224-C and set these deadlines for the prefiling of testimony and exhibits in Docket No. 2002-224-C for Legent Communications Corp. d/b/a Long Distance America and CEO Telecommunications, Inc.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:



Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director

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